Vehicular traffic in Delhi

3502. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Mmister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the volume of vehicular traffic has increased considerably in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of vehicles registered with Directorate of Transport in Delhi on 31st October, 1987;

(c) whether Delhi roads, have been developed to handle such traffic; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) As on 31-10-1987, the total No. of motor vehicles registered in Delhi is 12.27,009.

(c) and (d) According to Delhi Admi-tion, in some cases the roads have beep, found inadequate to handle the present number of vehicles. They are strengthenirg/widening the roads and are also constructing fly owers/ROBs in a phased manner depending upon the financial constraints.

Road accidents rate in the country

3503 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has one of the highest road accident rates in the world; if so, what are the figures in this regard for 1986;

what are the estimated economic incurred by the country because of theer road accidents; and

(c) what action Government propose tO' take to tackle this serious problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The rate of road accidents per 1000 vehicles in India has been 22.8 for 1985 and 20.53 for 1986. This is quite high though not the highest.

(b) According to Study by National Transportation Planning and Research Centre ihe estimated annual economic loss because of the road accidents comes to Rs. 350 crores.

(c) Steps are taken on a continuing basis to reduce road accidents. These are, tightening of rules and regulations for issue of driving licences, strict medi cal tests, vehicle certification tests, enfor cement of safe axle weight, limits for vehicles geometric intersection impro vements.

Seminar on Abdul Latin'' Bharti

3504. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Wil] the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether 'Maruee' a Cultural Organisation had recently organised a Seminar in hor our of the great Sindhi Sufi Betphilosopher Abdul Latif Bharti in Delhi as imported in the Clarity of the 8th November, 1987;

(b) whether a large number of Sindhi poets and Writers had attended the 243rd Urs of the poet;

(c) whether Television/All India Radio rrie.i any special programmes on the occasion; and

(d) if so, whe!her Government propose to give full support to such cultural or ganisation in order to foster Sindhi and Indo-Pak relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): Ca) Yes, Sir.

(b) MARUEE, New Delhi has intima ted that 23 delegates from Pakistan atten ded.

(c) Information is being collected and will be placed before the House.

(d) A scheme is being administered by Government of India for providing financial assistance to registered voluntary

organisations for organising celebrations of centenaroes/anniversaries of eminent personalities. Each request for financial assistance is examined on merits.

Biomedical study on the burns caused by Fire Works

3505. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FA MILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that studies done at the Centre for Biomedical Engineering for the past five years have shown that thousands of people become disabled due to burns caused by fire-works on Diwali; and

(b) what is the total number of patients admitted and treated for burns in Government hospitals in the country On Diwali this year?

-THF MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No authentic data regarding the total number of patients admitted and treated for burns in Government hospitals in the country on Diwali is available with the Government.

Price control of the Anaemic Medicines

3506. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 79 per cent of the population is suffering from anaemic deficiency;

(h) whether it is also a fact that 40 per cent of pregnant women have deficiency anaemia; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Go vernment on Kelkar Committee's recom mendations for decontrol of prices of fer rous sail and other drugs going into the production of fron preparations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) Studies conducted by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad of the l.C.M.R. have shown that prevalence of anaemia varies anywhere between 40—80 per cent depending on the age group. About 60 per cent of pregnant women have anaemia.

(c) Government have accepted the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee for the decontrol of prices of ferrous salts.

Service benefits to th* Ex-AMC doctors in the C.H.S.

3507. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army Me dical Corps doctors are eligible to etfcer the Central Health Service- including Central Government Health Scheme only after passing a combined Health Services Examination conducted by UPSC and not otherwise by way of deputation or trans fer;

(b) if so. what are the reasons therefor, especially when these doctors enter the Army Medical Corps only after peting in a proper written test and being selected through interviews duly constituted central and comparable board; and

(c) whether the doctors who enter Central Health Services after a short service commission or a long term commission in Army Medical Corps are given benefit of service in their respective cadre by way of seniority or fixation of pay at definite stage in the scale by giving them the number of annual increment that he has already earned in his presenter-vice if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE); (a) and (b) In accordance with the Central Health Service Rules